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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

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BIENNIAL ELECTION TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM 02 GRADUATES' AND 01 TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCIES – ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA ORDER REGARDING PRODUCTION OF ELECTORAL PHOTO IDENTITY CARDS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF ELECTORS.

(*Memo.No.131/Elecs.D/2025-31, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh, Dated:11.02.2025*)

The following Order of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, No.3/4/ID/2025/SDR(Councils), dated 5th February, 2025 is published:-

ORDER

Whereas, the Election Commission has been following the policy of compulsory identification of electors by means of specified identification documents at elections to the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies from the year 2000 onwards, so as to prevent impersonation at elections thereby making the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 more effective; and

2. Whereas, keeping in view the provisions of Rules 35(3) and 37(2)(b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, the Commission has been issuing directions that the electors at election to House of the People and Legislative Assemblies shall produce their Electors Photo Identity Card or other specified documents at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electors Photo Identity Card or documents may result in the denial of supply of a ballot paper to them and permission to vote; and

3. Whereas, the said provisions regarding identification of electors and safeguards against impersonation are equally applicable at elections from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies, and as the electors in these constituencies are also electors in assembly constituencies, they would have been supplied with Electors Photo Identity Card as electors in their respective Assembly Constituencies;

4. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that all the electors in (i) **East-West Godavari Graduates'**, (ii) **Krishna-Guntur Graduates' & (iii) Srikakulam-Vizianagaram-Visakhapatnam Teachers' Constituencies in the State of Andhra Pradesh** and (i) **Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Graduates'**, (ii) **Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Karimnagar Teachers' & (iii) Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Teachers' Constituencies in the State of Telangana**, who have been issued with their EPICs, shall have to produce these cards to exercise their franchise, when they come to the polling stations for voting at the **current biennial elections to the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Legislative Councils from the said Constituencies, notified on 03rd February, 2025 (Monday)**. However, those electors, who are not able to produce their EPICs, will have to produce any of the following alternative documents for establishing their identity: -

- i. Aadhaar Card,
- ii. Driving License,
- iii. PAN Card,
- iv. Indian Passport
- v. Service identity card issued to its employees by State/ Central government, Public Sector Undertakings, Local bodies or other Private Industrial Houses.
- vi. Official identity Cards issued to MPs/ MLAs/ MLCs.
- vii. Service Identity Card issued by the educational Institutions in which the electors of the concerned Teachers' / Graduates' Constituency may be employed,
- viii. Certificate of degree/ Diploma issued by University, in original,
- ix. Certificate of physical handicap issued by competent Authority, in original,
- x. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

By order,

S.B. JOSHI,
*Principal Secretary,
Election Commission of India.*

VIVEK YADAV,
*Chief Electoral Officer,
Andhra Pradesh.*